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19 MR. McCORKELL: My name is George McCorkell.

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20 I'm the Yucca Mountain Oversight Director for Esmeralda

21 County. I urge the DOE to work with the affected

22 counties to develop an impact mitigation process and

23 compensation package according to the act, and

24 according to fairness and equity. We believe the

25 impact mitigation is achievable and can be undone

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1 fairly and equitably. We also believe the cost is

2 likely to run into the billions. We expect a

3 significant level of assistance from the federal

4 government with whatever resources are necessary to

5 mitigate the multitude of impacts, both real and

6 perceived, to Esmeralda County.

7 The citizens of Nevada are not well served by

8 suggestions that impacts are so great they cannot be

9 mitigated. This approach will only be ignored by

10 policymakers and will accomplish to satisfy our needs.

11 None of this should be construed as an

12 endorsement of the Yucca Mountain Project. Our goal is

13 simply to be prepared to do whatever is necessary to

14 protect the public health and safety and the quality of

15 life for our residents, and create opportunity for
16 Esmeralda County and for Nevada. This is the prudent
17 thing to do in light of the fact that it appears to us
18 that Yucca Mountain will happen, whether we want it or
19 not.

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20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No way.

21 MR. McCORKELL: Thanks.